

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Georgeson Botanical Garden Society****Federal Tax ID: 26-0660511****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

Georgeson Botanical Garden Society - Research Survival Program

State Funding Requested: \$50,000**House District: 8 / D**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

A grant to cover salaries of the garden staff and to continue the education, plant conservation, and research programs of this valued resource to the local community and the State.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$62,440
Funding Already Secured:	(\$12,440)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$50,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

In-Kind contributions in 2010 by 81 volunteers who donated 1,036.7 hours equals \$12,440.40.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

For the past three (3) years, state funding has remained flat, costs have increased, and the garden now faces a shortfall that threatens its survival.

The Director has been given two (2) months without pay during the summer months. Another staff member also has been given one month without pay, leaving only one (1) full-time staff person to maintain the garden and do the research desperately needed to support Alaska's largest horticulture industry.

Because of the budget cuts, the vegetable and flower trials will be discontinued, the annual flower garden will not be planted, and research will not be carried on in the garden this summer.

The garden is a valuable research to the community for its beauty (much enjoyed by the tourists), for weddings and community events, and for the research for home gardeners, and the horticultural industry.

The Georgeson Botanical Garden Society was formed to enhance and supplement Georgeson Botanical Garden. Our membership has fund-raising events to purchase specific items as needed, but does not have the funds to cover salaries for the summer. This grant would give us the time to restructure and plan for the future of the garden.

Many community groups support the garden, including volunteers from the Georgeson Botanical Garden Society membership, the Boy Scouts, several school classrooms, the Herb Bunch, Tanana Valley Master Gardeners, 4-H groups,

**\$50,000
Approved**

2011 Legislature

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and more.

Project Timeline:

FY2012

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Georgeson Botanical Garden Society

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

From: "Amber B. Courtney" <abcourtney@ci.fairbanks.ak.us>
Subject: **Mayor Cleworth Letter of Support**
Date: February 1, 2011 8:16:50 AM AKST
To: <ddinsmore@alaska.net>
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Greetings, Donna. Can you please confirm receipt of this document?
Thanks!

Amber
Mayor's Office
City of Fairbanks
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CITY OF FAIRBANKS

Jerry Cleworth, Mayor

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January 31, 2011

RE: Georgeson Botanical Garden Society

Dear Grant Review Team:

The Fairbanks community as a whole has benefitted greatly from the beauty of the Georgeson Botanical Garden at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Visitors and residents alike flock to the gardens in numbers and a wide variety of events are held there. The gardens are an oasis of color and wonder for our community.

Equally important is the research and horticultural endeavors that occur at these gardens. Funding research for the horticultural industry will have long-term positive impacts in helping us reinvigorate an economy previously largely based on dwindling natural resources.

The City of Fairbanks is keenly supportive of the grant application to allow continued research in horticultural endeavors in our region. The research afforded by this grant will create myriad possibilities in economic development and diversification, and farming sustainability, all while embracing the unusually dynamic natural environmental growth factors we are fortunate to enjoy here in Interior Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Cleworth", is written over a horizontal line.



HOSPICE OF THE TANANA VALLEY

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January 31, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of a grant for \$50,000 submitted to the State of Alaska by the Georgeson Botanical Garden Society.

Hospice of the Tanana Valley has been a grateful recipient of plants from the Georgeson greenhouse for the Hospice Annual Spring Plant Sale for over 18 years. This plant sale is our most important fundraising event all year, and provides a significant amount of our annual operating revenue.

In addition to helping our organization with plant donations, I believe that the Georgeson Botanical Garden is a benefit to the entire Fairbanks community. It is a much-visited tourist destination, an educational resource for the community, and a place for students to conduct important research.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Johnsen
Executive Director



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January 28, 2011

Georgeson Botanical Garden
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Dear Friends,

You are a gift to the community, and in particular to the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. We do not want to lose you! I understand you are having some budget cuts, and we want to be counted as ones who support all that you do, and appreciate the hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables which you make available to this food bank. With your food, we are able to provide assistance to many local people each summer. One of our goals is to provide the very best Fairbanks has to offer to those who do not have enough, and it is joy for both those who pack food boxes and those who receive food boxes to be able to add your fresh produce when it is available. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samantha Kirstein". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Samantha Kirstein
Executive Director



A United Way Agency





Geranium

Petunia
Dorothy Rose Morn
Petunia x hybrid
Fuchsia/geranium seed

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Petunia x hybrid
Fuchsia/geranium seed

Nierembergia
Rosa Morn
Nierembergia x hybrid
Fuchsia/geranium seed